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“CERAMIC MOVABLE BLADES FOR  
BLADE SETS OF HAIR CLIPPERS”

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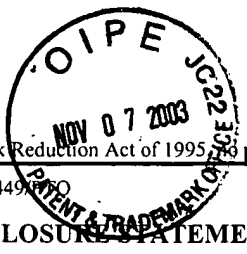
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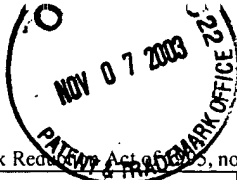
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### Statement Of Relevance

The attached FIGS. 1A and 1B illustrate a sintered blade that was publicly at least as early as May 2002. The attached FIGS. 2A and 2B illustrate a ceramic blade that was publicly available at least as early as May 2002. The attached FIGS. 3A and 3B illustrate a ceramic blade that was publicly available at least as early as May 2002.

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		Sintered blade that was publicly available at least as early as May 2002 (see attached Statement of Relevance and FIGS. 1A and 1B).
		Ceramic blade that was publicly available at least as early as May 2002 (see attached Statement of Relevance and FIGS. 2A and 2B).
		Ceramic blade that was publicly available at least as early as May 2002 (see attached Statement of Relevance and FIGS. 3A and 3B).

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